

NOTICE OF OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET ACTION

Date 07/28/2011

Department of Education
Institute of Education Sciences
FOR CERTIFYING OFFICIAL: Winona Varnon
FOR CLEARANCE OFFICER: Darrin King

In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act, OMB has taken action on your request received 06/21/2011

ACTION REQUESTED: Revision of a currently approved collection
TYPE OF REVIEW REQUESTED: Regular
ICR REFERENCE NUMBER: 201106-1850-003
AGENCY ICR TRACKING NUMBER: 4636
TITLE: 2011-12 National Postsecondary Student Aid Study (NPSAS:12) Full Scale Lists and Contacting
LIST OF INFORMATION COLLECTIONS: See next page

OMB ACTION: Approved without change
OMB CONTROL NUMBER: 1850-0666
The agency is required to display the OMB Control Number and inform respondents of its legal significance in accordance with 5 CFR 1320.5(b).

EXPIRATION DATE: 07/31/2014

DISCONTINUE DATE:

BURDEN:	RESPONSES	HOURS	COSTS
Previous	4,093	4,256	0
New	4,665	4,128	0
Difference			
Change due to New Statute	0	0	0
Change due to Agency Discretion	572	-128	0
Change due to Agency Adjustment	0	0	0
Change Due to Potential Violation of the PRA	0	0	0

TERMS OF CLEARANCE: NCES is approved to conduct its institutional data collections but is not authorized to use any of its parent or student contact materials submitted with this package, as the incentive amounts to be included in each are not yet determined. In addition, previous Terms of Clearance remain in effect: OMB appreciates that NCES and its contactor are experimenting with innovative ways to address declining survey response rates and, in particular, associated concerns about nonresponse bias. OMB looks forward to seeing the critically important analysis of the field test results prior to being asked to approve the full scale package. In particular, the analysis must include overall results of the incentive experiment, including the cost effectiveness of the tested approaches; a discussion of the effects on bias of any differential response patterns; a review of how well the variables in the model performed, and an assessment of how well new paradata items would have contributed to the model. In addition, the analysis should include a separate discussion of differences in both number of cases that would have switched conditions and the cost difference, if the design had included offering the same incentive to all participants within a single institution, and a report on the number of complaints or queries regarding different incentive levels within an institution. Any response propensity model proposed for the full scale NPSAS data collection must overcome the limitations of the field test model by being based explicitly on analysis of the relationship between model

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variables and both response propensity and substantive survey variables, rather than response propensity alone.

OMB Authorizing Official:

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